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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in October was estimated at 1,646,700, an increase of 5,500 from the September revised figure and 15,400 more than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 333,400, was 2,800 higher than last month, but 2,000 below October one year ago. Mining remained unchanged over the month. Construction payrolls were higher in each segment of the industry, with heavy construction leading the increase. Manufacturing was higher mainly due to seasonal increases throughout the food and kindred products nondurable goods segment.

Service producing employment increased to 1,313,300 over the month. This was 2,700 higher than September and 17,400 above the year-ago figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment, at 104,400, was unchanged over the month. Growth in the miscellaneous retail sector was mainly responsible for the increase in trade employment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment increased by 100 over the month. Services was up mainly due to a seasonal increase in the educational services segment. Government employment was higher in October at the state's educational facilities.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 137,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $548.18 in September to $552.08 in October, an increase of $3.90. Also, there was an increase of $21.41 from October of last year. Average hourly earnings were $12.75 in October. This estimate was $0.24 lower than September, but $0.38 higher than October, 1992. Average weekly hours for October were 43.3, an increase of 1.1 hours from the September revised level of 42.2 hours.

The October preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.5 percent, an increase from the September revised rate of 6.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for October was 6.8 percent, a slight increase from the September rate of 6.7 percent. Total unemployment for October increased to 139,900. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,866,700, with an increase in total employment to 1,726,800.

REFERRED TO ON ERRATA SHEET

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (3)	1,646.7	1,641.2	1,641.3	+ 5.5	+ 5.4
GOODS PRODUCING	333.4	330.6	335.4	+ 2.8	- 2.0
MINING	43.5	43.5	44.5	0	- 1.0
Oil and Gas Extraction	41.7	41.7	42.7	0	- 1.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	102.4	100.6	102.7	+ 1.8	- 0.3
General Contractors	19.2	19.1	19.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	40.5	39.1	40.5	+ 1.4	0
Special Trade Contractors	42.7	42.4	42.8	+ 0.3	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	187.5	186.5	188.2	+ 1.0	- 0.7
Durable Goods	80.7	80.6	80.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	12.6	12.6	12.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.7	5.7	5.5	0	+ 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.5	14.6	14.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	13.0	13.0	12.7	0	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Transportation Equipment	21.6	21.4	21.7	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Nondurable Goods	106.8	105.9	107.9	+ 0.9	- 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	23.4	22.2	23.4	+ 1.2	0
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	10.2	10.2	10.3	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.3	12.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
Printing & Publishing	9.6	9.7	9.6	- 0.1	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.3	30.4	30.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
Inorganic Chemicals	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0
Organic Chemicals	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.4	12.4	12.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.3	11.3	11.4	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	8.7	8.7	8.9	0	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING (3)	1,313.3	1,310.6	1,305.9	+ 2.7	+ 7.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	104.4	104.4	105.7	0	- 1.3
Railroad Transportation	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	61.6	61.3	62.0	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Water Transportation	23.2	23.3	23.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Communications & Public Util.	37.9	38.2	38.6	- 0.3	- 0.7
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	15.6	15.7	15.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv.	22.3	22.5	22.7	- 0.2	- 0.4

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LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	381.9	380.7	381.0	+ 1.2	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	86.7	86.7	86.5	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.2	47.3	47.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.5	39.4	39.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	295.2	294.0	294.5	+ 1.2	+ 0.7
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.8	10.8	10.7	0	+ 0.1
General Merchandise	39.8	39.7	39.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Food Stores	59.4	59.2	59.5	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.4	31.5	31.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel and Accessory	15.6	15.5	15.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Equipment	10.1	10.1	10.0	0	+ 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	95.8	95.8	95.9	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	32.3	31.4	31.6	+ 0.9	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	76.9	76.8	77.6	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Banking	27.4	27.3	27.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Insurance	26.0	26.1	26.7	- 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	402.3	401.4	400.2	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.6	21.6	21.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	14.0	13.9	13.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Business Services	64.7	64.5	65.0	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.4	11.4	11.4	0	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.2	6.3	6.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	14.7	15.2	14.6	- 0.5	+ 0.1
Health Services	134.6	134.7	134.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Hospitals	58.6	58.7	58.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Legal Services	16.2	16.2	16.3	0	- 0.1
Educational Services	28.6	27.4	26.9	+ 1.2	+ 1.7
Social Services	24.8	24.7	24.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Membership Organizations	26.4	26.4	26.4	0	0
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	28.0	27.9	27.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Miscellaneous Services	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT (3)	347.8	347.3	341.4	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
Federal	37.5	37.5	37.5	0	0
State and Local (3)	310.3	309.8	303.9	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
State (3)	111.0	109.9	110.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.9
Local	199.3	199.9	193.8	- 0.6	+ 5.5

*** Preliminary** ****Revised**

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

(3) Per ERRATA page for data released on November 29, 1993.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. '93*	Sept. '93**	Oct. '92**	Oct. '93*	Sept. '93**	Oct. '92**	Oct. '93*	Sept. '93**	Oct. '92**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$552.08	$548.18	$530.67	43.3	42.2	42.9	$12.75	$12.99	$12.37
Durable Goods	497.25	492.46	469.69	44.2	42.6	42.2	11.25	11.56	11.13
Lumber & Wood Products	419.02	403.99	392.84	46.3	44.2	43.6	9.05	9.14	9.01
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	464.13	492.17	460.22	44.8	44.3	42.3	10.36	11.11	10.88
Fabricated Metal Products	467.81	473.93	477.22	44.3	43.4	42.8	10.56	10.92	11.15
Machinery, ex. Electrical	514.94	503.94	479.90	46.1	45.4	44.6	11.17	11.10	10.76
Electric & Electronic Equip.	692.03	727.88	713.81	42.3	37.5	43.9	16.36	19.41	16.26
Transportation Equipment	552.10	529.18	471.97	43.2	40.8	39.2	12.78	12.97	12.04
Nondurable Goods	597.25	594.56	579.82	42.6	41.9	43.4	14.02	14.19	13.36
Food & Kindred Products	330.04	323.87	340.94	40.2	39.4	42.3	8.21	8.22	8.06
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	206.68	212.76	237.51	32.6	33.4	37.7	6.34	6.37	6.30
Paper & Allied Products	639.26	628.28	629.73	41.7	40.3	43.4	15.33	15.59	14.51
Printing & Publishing	444.27	457.86	432.06	38.2	39.0	38.0	11.63	11.74	11.37
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	850.84	880.44	834.44	44.5	46.0	46.0	19.12	19.14	18.14
Petroleum & Coal Products	1,135.86	1,020.02	982.03	55.3	49.3	49.9	20.54	20.69	19.68
Petroleum Refining	1,172.17	1,052.60	1,020.08	56.3	50.1	50.7	20.82	21.01	20.12
MINING	629.24	631.24	617.91	49.9	49.9	47.9	12.61	12.65	12.90
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	586.67	587.55	568.15	40.6	41.7	41.2	14.45	14.09	13.79
BANKING	325.62	320.17	295.87	37.6	37.8	36.8	8.66	8.47	8.04

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **137,000** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **80,100** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. '93*	Sept. '93**	Oct. '92**	Oct. '93*	Sept. '93**	Oct. '92**	Oct. '93*	Sept. '93**	Oct. '92**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$655.94	$667.49	$650.50	43.7	43.4	44.8	$15.01	$15.38	$14.52
Petro-Chemicals	902.30	918.09	895.77	46.8	47.3	47.8	19.28	19.41	18.74

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$568.98	$530.66	$498.54	43.6	41.2	41.1	$13.05	$12.88	$12.13
Durable Goods	449.35	427.17	405.33	41.8	39.7	39.2	10.75	10.76	10.34
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	452.30	509.40	454.35	44.3	45.2	44.5	10.21	11.27	10.21
Fabricated Metal Products	459.65	472.48	417.56	44.8	45.3	40.5	10.26	10.43	10.31
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	398.34	368.00	355.22	40.4	36.8	36.1	9.86	10.00	9.84
Nondurable Goods	677.10	624.94	588.16	45.2	42.6	42.9	14.98	14.67	13.71
Food & Kindred Products	393.57	412.98	381.07	40.7	42.4	40.8	9.67	9.74	9.34
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	180.60	181.96	189.39	29.9	31.7	35.4	6.04	5.74	5.35
Printing & Publishing	478.92	481.50	470.35	41.9	42.8	40.9	11.43	11.25	11.50
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	977.86	1,022.92	904.93	46.3	47.8	48.6	21.12	21.40	18.62

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **30,100** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$619.54	$640.72	$582.20	44.7	42.8	41.0	$13.86	$14.97	$14.20
Lumber and Wood Products	339.83	347.63	331.27	41.8	43.4	40.3	8.13	8.01	8.22
Food and Kindred Products	418.00	392.32	392.92	38.0	36.7	38.0	11.00	10.69	10.34
Printing and Publishing	363.38	379.55	350.53	37.5	38.3	35.3	9.69	9.91	9.93
Chemicals & Allied Products	629.75	712.78	683.76	44.1	45.4	46.2	14.28	15.70	14.80

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY Oct., 1993 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED Sept., 1993 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED Oct., 1992 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)	1,866.7	1,726.8	139.9	7.5	1,841.0	1,714.1	126.9	6.9	1,907.7	1,756.8	150.9	7.9
LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)	1,873.1	1,742.0	131.1	7.0	1,840.3	1,718.1	122.2	6.6	1,914.6	1,773.6	141.0	7.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.2	53.5	3.7	6.4	55.9	52.5	3.4	6.1	57.7	54.0	3.7	6.4
Baton Rouge 2/	277.6	259.3	18.3	6.6	272.6	255.3	17.3	6.4	281.4	264.1	17.3	6.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	67.9	63.6	4.3	6.4	66.6	62.4	4.2	6.3	69.8	63.8	6.0	8.7
Lafayette 4/	104.5	98.9	5.6	5.4	102.3	97.2	5.1	5.0	107.2	100.4	6.8	6.4
Lake Charles 5/	80.9	75.2	5.7	7.0	79.7	74.6	5.1	6.4	82.2	75.3	6.9	8.4
Monroe 6/	68.1	63.7	4.4	6.5	66.7	62.8	3.9	5.9	69.9	65.5	4.4	6.3
New Orleans 7/	555.7	517.4	38.3	6.9	548.3	511.9	36.4	6.6	572.4	533.8	38.6	6.7
Shreveport 8/	156.4	146.4	10.0	6.4	153.1	144.0	9.1	5.9	157.3	147.2	10.1	6.4

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
October 1993	145.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
October 1992	141.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 93 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED SEPTEMBER 93 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	20,775	19,050	1,725	8.3	20,275	18,725	1,550	7.7
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,600	8,725	875	9.1	9,375	8,625	750	8.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,825	5,150	675	11.6	5,650	4,950	700	12.5
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,175	14,850	1,325	8.2	15,750	14,500	1,250	7.9
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,925	12,875	1,050	7.5	13,625	12,675	950	6.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,850	6,450	400	5.8	6,800	6,400	400	5.8
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,200	3,900	300	7.0	4,175	3,850	325	7.7
CAMERON (CAMERON)	3,950	3,800	150	3.8	3,900	3,750	150	3.6
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,775	3,425	350	9.2	3,725	3,375	350	9.5
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	6,725	6,325	400	5.9	6,650	6,300	350	5.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	8,000	7,225	775	9.6	7,950	7,175	775	9.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	10,600	9,775	825	7.8	10,425	9,675	750	7.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,500	3,200	300	8.2	3,500	3,175	325	9.4
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	6,875	6,375	500	7.3	6,800	6,300	500	7.4
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,525	13,600	925	6.3	14,125	13,425	700	4.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,900	9,075	825	8.2	9,725	8,975	750	7.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,550	6,025	525	8.1	6,325	5,900	425	6.6
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,775	23,925	1,850	7.2	25,175	23,425	1,750	6.9
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,750	10,450	1,300	11.0	11,525	10,275	1,250	10.7
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,325	5,975	350	5.5	6,325	6,000	325	5.2
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	10,525	9,650	875	8.4	10,425	9,625	800	7.6
JENA (LASALLE)	5,975	5,450	525	8.6	5,825	5,375	450	7.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	20,025	19,325	700	3.5	20,075	19,375	700	3.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,550	5,075	475	8.5	5,450	4,950	500	9.0
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,325	12,100	1,225	9.1	12,900	11,875	1,025	8.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,500	15,400	1,100	6.7	16,100	15,075	1,025	6.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	7,825	7,225	600	7.6	7,775	7,150	625	8.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	6,650	5,850	800	12.1	6,525	5,750	775	11.9
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	3,950	3,650	300	7.6	3,875	3,575	300	7.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,000	7,325	675	8.5	7,775	7,125	650	8.4
MANY (SABINE)	10,375	9,775	600	5.7	10,325	9,750	575	5.5
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,600	2,400	200	8.0	2,525	2,325	200	8.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,775	6,800	975	12.6	7,650	6,675	975	12.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,900	28,275	2,625	8.5	30,350	27,950	2,400	7.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	21,300	19,325	1,975	9.3	20,825	19,100	1,725	8.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	41,450	37,675	3,775	9.1	40,325	36,875	3,450	8.5
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,400	2,225	175	7.6	2,350	2,200	150	6.7
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	10,375	9,750	625	6.0	10,100	9,600	500	5.0
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	17,575	16,375	1,200	6.9	17,200	16,050	1,150	6.7
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,250	16,600	1,650	9.0	18,125	16,600	1,525	8.4
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,300	15,900	1,400	8.1	16,900	15,575	1,325	7.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	16,425	14,625	1,800	11.0	16,050	14,550	1,500	9.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,400	3,850	550	12.7	4,275	3,775	500	11.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	4,000	250	5.8	4,225	3,950	275	6.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,500	5,200	300	5.4	5,350	5,075	275	5.2

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	48.9	48.7	47.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOODS PRODUCING	6.6	6.7	6.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.1	2.0	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	42.3	42.0	41.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.5	2.6	2.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.8	10.6	10.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	8.8	8.6	8.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	13.7	13.7	13.7	0	0
Health Services	6.5	6.5	6.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.0	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	10.8	10.6	10.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State	5.0	4.9	5.0	+ 0.1	0
Local	5.8	5.7	5.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 48,900 for the month of October. This estimate was 200 more than last month and 1,000 more than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,600 for the current month. This was a decrease of 100 from the September level of 6,700. Manufacturing, with a minimal loss of 100, was the only industry in the goods producing sector to show any change from last month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 42,300 for October, an increase of 300 from the September level of 42,000. Trade rose by 200 due to job growth in department, food, and drug stores. Government was up by 200, with the increase centered in social services within state government, and local education.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	252.5	251.5	252.6	+ 1.0	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	54.3	54.0	56.0	+ 0.3	- 1.7
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	30.4	30.1	31.4	+ 0.3	- 1.0
MANUFACTURING	23.0	23.0	23.7	0	- 0.7
Durable Goods	5.4	5.5	5.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	17.6	17.5	17.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.9	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.4	12.4	12.6	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	198.2	197.5	196.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.6	11.7	11.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.6	54.4	54.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	13.4	13.5	13.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.9	9.0	9.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.2	40.9	40.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	6.0	5.9	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.4	14.4	14.3	0	+ 0.1
Banking	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	59.5	59.6	58.8	- 0.1	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	58.1	57.4	57.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
State and Local	55.4	54.7	55.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
State	31.3	30.7	31.3	+ 0.6	0
Local	24.1	24.0	23.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 252,500 for October. This was 1,000 above the September revised figure, but 100 less than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 54,300, was 300 above the September estimate, but 1,700 below October of last year. The construction sector was the only segment in the goods producing industry to show a change over the month. Heavy construction was mainly responsible for the increase of 300 employees.

Service producing employment was estimated at 198,200 for October. This was 700 more than September and 1,600 higher than October one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a minimal loss of 100 for October. Trade employment was higher due to increases in the general merchandise, and eating and drinking places sectors. Services employment decreased from 59,600 in September to 59,500 in October. Government employment exhibited the largest over-the-month increase with the gain centered in the state education segment.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,700 production workers in all manufacturing was $655.94 for October, a decrease of $11.55 from the September revised figure. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $5.44. Average weekly hours, at 43.7, increased by 0.3 hours in October, while average hourly earnings decreased by $0.37 an hour. The increase of lower-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 277,600. This figure was comprised of 259,300 employed and 18,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 6.6 percent in October.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,674 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,172 referrals to current openings resulted in 66 placements during the month of October.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.3	58.8	57.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
GOODS PRODUCING	13.0	12.9	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
MINING	4.7	4.6	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	5.0	4.9	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.7	+ 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.3	45.9	45.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	5.6	5.6	5.7	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.9	14.8	14.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.7	0	+ 0.2
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.4	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	12.1	11.9	11.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	11.6	11.5	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	3.4	3.3	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	8.2	8.2	7.9	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA increased to 59,300, a level of 500 above the September revised estimate and 1,400 above the October, 1992 figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 13,000, was 100 above last month and 700 higher than October a year ago. Mining employment was up in the oil and gas field services sector. Construction exhibited a minimal loss of 100 over the month. Manufacturing employment was higher mainly due to seasonal increases in food and kindred products nondurable goods.

Employment in the service producing industry was estimated at 46,300 in October. This was 400 more than September and 700 above October one year ago. Trade employment was higher by 100 in the wholesale sector. The business, and health services sectors showed small gains that contributed to the growth over the month for total services employment. Government payrolls were boosted by small increases in the federal and state education sectors.

Estimated unemployment was 4,300 in October. Unemployment presently comprises 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 658.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	102.0	101.6	101.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	26.0	25.7	25.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
MINING	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
MANUFACTURING	9.8	9.6	9.8	+ 0.2	0
Durable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.2	6.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	76.0	75.9	75.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.0	6.0	6.0	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	26.6	26.5	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	6.4	6.4	6.5	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	20.2	20.1	20.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	25.6	25.7	25.0	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	13.8	13.8	14.0	0	- 0.2
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
State and Local	12.8	12.8	13.0	0	- 0.2
State	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Local	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 102,000, was up by 400 from the September revised estimate of 101,600.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,000, an increase of 300 from last month's figure. Mining moved up 100 in October, and compared to October, 1992 this industry showed an increase of 200 jobs in the Lafayette MSA. Manufacturing increased by 200 mostly due to seasonal hiring in the food and kindred products sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 76,000, an increase of 100 from last month's figure. Trade rose by 100 due to more employment activity in the eating and drinking places, and miscellaneous retail sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate increased by 100 due to more business in the real estate industry.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	73.1	73.4	71.4	- 0.3	+ 1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	21.6	21.7	20.4	- 0.1	+ 1.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	9.5	9.7	8.7	- 0.2	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.0	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.4	9.5	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	8.5	8.6	8.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	51.5	51.7	51.0	- 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.5	4.7	4.5	- 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	16.5	16.5	16.0	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.6	3.5	- 0.2	- 0.1
Retail Trade	13.1	12.9	12.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	15.4	15.4	15.7	0	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.5	12.5	12.1	0	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
State	4.1	4.1	3.8	0	+ 0.3
Local	7.8	7.8	7.8	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 73,100 in October. This was 300 less than September, but 1,700 higher than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 21,600 for October, a decrease of 100 from September, but 1,200 above the year-ago figure. Construction was down due to decreases in the general and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing payrolls increased mainly in the transportation equipment durable goods sector.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,500, was 200 less than September, but 500 above the year-ago figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down as a result of less business at the port facilities. All other segments remained unchanged over the month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.4	61.3	61.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	11.8	12.0	12.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	7.9	8.0	8.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.7	6.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.6	49.3	49.8	+ 0.3	- 0.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.4	15.1	15.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
Retail Trade	12.1	11.8	11.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	3.7	3.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
SERVICES	15.0	15.1	14.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.9	11.8	12.8	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	11.4	11.3	12.3	+ 0.1	- 0.9
State	4.6	4.5	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Local	6.8	6.8	7.2	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 61,400 in October. This was 100 more than September, but 400 less than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 11,800 for October. This was 200 below September and the year-ago figure. Both construction and manufacturing payrolls exhibited small over-the-month decreases of 100 each. Mining remained stable over the month.

Service producing industries increased by 300 in October. Trade was higher mainly due to an increase in retail eating and drinking places. Services displayed a small decrease of 100 over the month. Government employment was up at the state education level.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	536.2	537.3	540.7	- 1.1	- 4.5
GOODS PRODUCING	78.9	78.1	82.3	+ 0.8	- 3.4
MINING	12.5	12.3	13.7	+ 0.2	- 1.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.1	12.0	13.3	+ 0.1	- 1.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.5	23.1	23.9	+ 0.4	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	42.9	42.7	44.7	+ 0.2	- 1.8
Durable Goods	21.2	21.0	22.7	+ 0.2	- 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.0	11.8	13.1	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.5	9.3	10.1	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.7	21.7	22.0	0	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.3	5.6	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.0	2.1	2.0	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	3.5	3.6	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.4	4.4	4.5	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.3	459.2	458.4	- 1.9	- 1.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	39.6	39.6	40.4	0	- 0.8
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	7.6	7.5	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	10.5	10.5	10.9	0	- 0.4
Comm. & Public Util.	12.1	12.2	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.6	135.9	136.5	- 0.3	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	32.1	32.0	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.1	17.1	17.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	15.0	14.9	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	103.5	103.9	105.0	- 0.4	- 1.5
General Merchandise	11.9	11.9	12.7	0	- 0.8
Food Stores	20.1	20.1	20.9	0	- 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	37.8	38.0	37.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	29.0	29.0	29.0	0	0
Banking	9.0	8.9	8.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	160.1	159.2	158.1	+ 0.9	+ 2.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.6	13.5	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Health Services	45.9	46.0	45.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Educational Services	17.7	17.1	17.7	+ 0.6	0
GOVERNMENT	93.0	95.5	94.4	- 2.5	- 1.4
Federal	16.5	16.5	16.6	0	- 0.1
State and Local	76.5	79.0	77.8	- 2.5	- 1.3
State	20.5	20.4	21.6	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Local	56.0	58.6	56.2	- 2.6	- 0.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in October was estimated at 536,200. This was 1,100 below the September revised rate and 4,500 less than October, 1992.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 78,900 for October, up by 800 from September, but down by 3,400 from October of last year. Mining was up by 200 in the oil and gas field services sector. Construction was higher due to growth in each segment of the industry, with the special trade contractors sector having the largest gain. Manufacturing payrolls were boosted by increased business for the ship and boat building and repairing sector of transportation equipment durable goods.

Service producing employment was estimated at 457,300 for October. This was 1,900 below September and 1,100 less than October a year ago. Trade employment was lower due to less business at eating and drinking places, and apparel and accessory stores. Seasonal increases in educational services were mainly responsible for the growth in the services industry. Government employment was lower due to the release of temporary summer workers in the local government sector.

An estimated 30,100 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $568.98 per week, up by $38.32 from last month's revised average. Average weekly hours were 43.6, up by 2.4 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.05, up by $0.17 from September and $0.92 higher than October of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 38,300 for October. The unemployment rate registered 6.9 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 7,552.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1993*	Sept. 1993**	Oct. 1992**	Net Change From Sept. 1993	Net Change From Oct. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	142.2	141.5	140.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
GOODS PRODUCING	27.3	27.0	26.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
MINING	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.6	7.2	6.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	17.1	17.2	17.1	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	11.3	11.4	11.3	- 0.1	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.8	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	114.9	114.5	113.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.6	7.8	7.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	34.3	34.4	33.7	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	25.9	25.9	25.2	0	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	37.6	37.4	37.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	28.8	28.3	28.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	23.7	23.2	23.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
State	7.8	7.8	7.8	0	0
Local	15.9	15.4	15.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport MSA during October was estimated at 142,200, an increase of 700 from the September revised estimate and 1,600 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 27,300, a gain of 300 from the September estimate of 27,000. Construction rose by 400 jobs with the growth concentrated mostly in the special trade contractors sector. Manufacturing was down by 100 due to a slowdown in the transportation equipment sector.

Service producing employment increased to 114,900, up from 114,500 in September and 1,000 more than the year-ago estimate of 113,900. All of the over-the-month increase occurred in the government and services sectors, with the addition of personnel at educational facilities. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, as well as trade, experienced small job losses over the month.

An estimated 12,700 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $619.54 in October, compared to $640.72 in September, and $582.20 a year ago. Average weekly hours rose to 44.7 in October compared to 42.8 in September and 41.0 a year ago. Average hourly earnings decreased to $13.86 in October, down from $14.97 in September, and down from $14.20 one year ago.

The Shreveport MSA had a civilian labor force in October of 156,400, including 146,400 employed and 10,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

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